Astoria
Oregon
Astoria became the first U.S. settlement west of the Rocky Mountains when a party of fur traders landed here in April, 1811, after a six-month journey around Cape Horn aboard the ship Tonquin.
Named after their backer, John Jacob Astor, a New York financier, British interest briefly occupied the territory during the War of 1812. It returned to U.S. control in 1818. The fur trading and shipping remained strong for another quarter of a century. Then new settlers came who were more interested in farming and other natural resources.
Sawmills became prominent in the 1840's & salmon in the 1850's. The busy seaport was incorporated in 1870.
Astoria grew rapidly because of massive immigration from European fishing traditions - primarily Scandinavians and Finns and to a lesser extent Italians. In the 1860's Chinese immigrants came to work in the canneries. Astoria remains today very strong in the fishing & timber industry and is also still a very busy seaport.
Much of the information here came from publications available at the Chamber of Commerce - Astoria
Lewis & Clark 1805-1806
Fort Clatsop
Astoria City Center Motel
Wauna Federal
Landwehrs
Astoria Dunes Motel
Astoria Chamber of Commerce
Columbian Theater & Video
Bank of Astoria
Astoria Auto Wrecking & Towing
AAA
Cindy's T.L.C. Grooming
Crab Pot Restaurant & Lounge
Coors
German Motors, Inc.
Youngs Bay Plaza
Payless
Plaza Liquor Store
Lovell Auto Co.
Liberty Theater
US Bank
Chris' News
Medix
Birdwell Ford Mercury
McDonald's
Bayside Food Warehouse
Harbor Place
Dairy Maid
Coast to Coast
Pizza Parlor
Horizons
Wadsworth Electric
Astoria Body & Paint
Hauers Cyclery
Sunset Empire Room
A-1
Clatsop Distributing
Pier 11
Bechtold's Hi-Way Service Mobil
Texaco
Corkey's
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Stop over for ships sailing to Seattle or Los Angeles and Portland